

ENGLISH SHELL MAKERS BARRED IN NAVY AWARD

Admiralty Forbids British
Firm to Manufacture Pro-
jectiles for U. S.

SCHWAB'S HAND IS SEEN

Believed Head of Bethlehem Steel
Persuaded Allies to Prevent
Transaction.

A bombshell fell in the Navy Department yesterday when a dispatch from London announced that the British admiralty had refused to permit Hadfields, Ltd., to accept the contract awarded them by Secretary Daniels for sixteen and fourteen inch projectiles.

Navy experts heard the news with amazement, while representatives of Bethlehem Steel and other American shellmakers were gleeful. The British action was utterly unexpected, inasmuch as Hadfields were not allowed to bid on the navy contract until they assured Secretary Daniels that their home government would not block the deal.

Two theories were framed to account for the admiralty's reversal of position. One is that Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel Company, and a big munition maker for the allies, persuaded the British officials to "do him a favor."

The other is that, since Great Britain has established a naval blockade against Germany, it would be unfair and demoralizing to force them to make shells for foreign navies.

Department "Up a Tree."

The Navy Department is frankly "up a tree" in view of the bitter wrangling that has taken place between Secretary Daniels and Mr. Schwab in the press, it feels that it has been humiliated.

"I can take no action until I have the official announcement," said Secretary of the Navy Daniels. "And then I'll have to think a little," he added.

The award of the contract had already been signed but the actual signing of the contract itself had not yet been consummated. Neither had Hadfields filed the required 10 per cent bond, to be forfeited in case of failure to deliver.

Two courses were open to him. Secretary Daniels declared. One was to advertise for new bids, which would be certain to bring out the same bids recently submitted by American manufacturers, and declared by the Secretary of the Navy to be "outrageous," the other to hurry the proposed government projectile plant to completion and manufacture the shells independently.

It was intimated that the latter course would be pursued.

No Hurry for Shells.

"We now have a greater shell reserve than ever," said the Secretary. "but we wanted an even greater supply. There is no great hurry for these shells, although, of course, we should like to have them as soon as possible. It will be thirty-nine months—three years and three months—before the American navy will have a battleship that can use 16-inch shells. Our own projectile factory probably will be finished within a year and a half."

The government plant can be put in operation and actually carry out the contract awarded to Hadfields before the shells are needed. It was pointed out. Secretary Daniels is believed to be averse to awarding the contract at any figure over that offered by Hadfields. The navy projectile plant will itself be able to turn out shells at a figure only a little larger than that of the Hadfields concern.

No proposal now put forward by Hadfields to deliver the shells after the war would now be considered.

"Such a proposition could not be accepted by this government," the Secretary said. "How do we know when the war is going to end?"

Before coming to any definite decision as to his course of action Mr. Daniels will ask the advice of President Wilson on the subject.

FRENCH LINE FLEET IS COMMANDEERED

New York Hears All Passenger Traffic
with U. S. May Soon Cease.

(By the International News Service.)
New York, Jan. 24.—The entire fleet of the French Line, both passenger and freight carrying vessels, has been requisitioned by the French government, according to private advice received here today from Paris. It is understood the vessels will be used as transports and munition carriers.

New York, Jan. 24.—All passenger traffic between the United States and France may be suspended shortly. Reports were received in shipping circles today that all the passenger liners operated by the French Line would be commandeered by the French government upon their arrival at Bordeaux.

The French passenger liners now sailing from New York to Bordeaux include the Espagne, Chicago, Touraine, and Rochambeau. If the liners are taken over by the French admiralty they probably will be converted into transports and ammunition carriers.

TOO MUCH NERVE SEDATIVE.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 24.—Having been arrested yesterday afternoon, a man who gave his name as Andrew J. Brown was found to be suffering from a dose of a heavy nerve sedative.

The man seemed to have no use of his legs. The policemen took him to the police station where he was taken to the Mercy Hospital where he was given treatment.

DRIVES SPIKE IN SKULL.

Chanute, Kan., Jan. 24.—Tad Limbocker, 40, who tried to kill himself by forcing a four-inch spike into his skull, was believed to be dying today.

Limbocker held the spike with its point against his scalp, then butted it down casing, driving the nail into his skull with such force that piercer had to be used to pull it out.

Snowstorm Hits Capital; Fades Away in Misty Rain

The snowstorm which the Weather Bureau predicted was due for Washington arrived early this morning. It was a disappointment, however, as the swirling flakes melted as soon as they struck the pavement, and as the morning advanced it turned into a misting rain.

Whatever happens, however, a sunshiny Friday is in sight, with no great change in temperature expected for the next several days.

TO PROBE ASYLUM

Charges by W. R. Rodgers
Will Be Investigated.

A sweeping investigation of conditions at the Washington Asylum Hospital was started by charges made yesterday afternoon by W. R. Rodgers before the charities and corrections committee of the Board of Trade that the institution "isn't fit for dogs to live in."

William McK. Clayton, chairman of the committee, confirmed the charges, as did others, and with the approval of the committee Mr. Clayton will immediately appoint a special committee to get specific information which will be placed before the District Commissioners and Congress.

It is declared that the investigation will result in the procuring of a new hospital site and in doing away with the present institution.

Last night officials refused to comment on the charges.

"It is a disgrace," said Mr. Rodgers. "It would have been a disgrace in the dark ages. The old shacks used for the hospital were tumbling down before the civil war. These shacks are heated by a few coal stoves. There are only a few nurses, and patients have to act as nurses. There are only half enough doctors. It is the most shockingly bad institution in the country."

The hospital has been a disgrace to the city too long, said Mr. Clayton. "There is probably nothing so bad in the entire country. It is in a malarial location and the patients not only have to contend with this, but with the bad housing, the poor heating arrangements, and the lack of sufficient nursing service. I don't see how patients can ever get well in that hospital. It is so bad that it ought to be torn down even before we have a new one in its place."

TO SEE WILSON ON BIRTH CONTROL LAW

Advocates of Idea Seek Repeal of Statute
Preventing Propaganda.

(By the International News Service.)
New York, Jan. 24.—Wealthy birth control advocates are preparing to storm the White House and the Capitol. While Mr. Ethel Byrne is on hunger strike at Blackwells Island, delegates from all Margaret Sanger defense committee will hasten to President Wilson and Gov. Whitman to urge the repeal of the law which convicted her.

This was decided today at a meeting at the home of Mrs. William Leon Graves. Six women volunteered to start on a pilgrimage to Albany Friday laden with arguments to convince the governor that Section 112 must be repealed.

The woman are Mrs. Amos Pinchot, Mrs. William L. Graves, Mrs. Maitland Griggs, Mrs. Louis Deland, Miss Helen Todd and Miss Jessie Ashley.

Mrs. George Rublee will be on her way tomorrow to see President Wilson. She will suggest that he propose to Congress the enactment of a bill permitting the dissemination of birth control information.

PULLED WEDDING RING FROM CORPSE'S FINGER

Orderly Charged with Planning to Use
It for His Own Nuptials.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Baltimore, Md., Jan. 24.—Engaged to a convalescent patient to whom he had given a diamond ring, alleged to have been stolen from an interned, and planning to marry with a wedding ring taken from the finger of a corpse in the dead-house of the Franklin Square Hospital, Charles Gastinger, an orderly, was held for court on two larceny charges this morning.

His fiancée, Mrs. Edna Martinek, whom he met while she was confined to the institution, denounced him before his accusers this morning.

The complainants were Dr. Lang W. Anderson, of the hospital staff, and Miss Lucy Ayres. Miss Ayres lent the diamond ring to Dr. Anderson for safekeeping, Karl Zeuck, a saloonkeeper, whose wife died at the Franklin Square Hospital on July 27, accused the prisoner of taking a wedding band from his wife's finger while the body lay in the dead-house.

Dr. Anderson discovered the theft of the diamond ring several days ago.

LOST MAN WIVES WIFE.

Salisbury, Md., Jan. 24.—George G. Adkins, a former manager of a telegraph company here who mysteriously disappeared from home about two months ago, leaving his wife, was said to have been heard from today when his wife received a telegram from him dated Chicago, requesting her to send him \$50 for transportation home.

Since Adkins' disappearance she had filed divorce proceedings and had obtained a decree from the court to dispose of his farm and city properties, including his automobile.

FIGHT AT COURT.

Baltimore, Jan. 24.—As an aftermath of a fight which took place in the corridors of the People's Court yesterday, Isaac Roll, was fined \$10 and costs on the charge of assaulting Simon Silverberg, an attorney. Roll was fined \$10 and costs on an additional charge of disorderly conduct.

Silverberg testified that Roll was the plaintiff in a suit for \$50. Judge Maurice Myers, who heard the case, dismissed the suit. The lawyer said that as soon as he passed out of the courtroom that Roll knocked him down.

TRIBUNAL HALTS PROBE OF 'LEAK'

Stock Exchange Men Given
More Time to Pro-
duce Facts.

(By the International News Service.)
New York, Jan. 24.—Investigation of the peace note "leak" was halted suddenly today to afford stock exchange members a final chance to give up the information demanded by the House Rules Committee.

A modified demand was made tonight upon the Exchange, approved by its governing committee and sent out at once to the members. Its essential features are a simplification of the requirements of the day before and a pledge that the names of customers will not be made public.

The majority of the Rules Committee members returned tonight to Washington. Chairman Henry and Sherman L. Whipple, counsel for the committee, remained in New York. They will wait until Monday for a response from the Exchange members. If by that time there is not evidence of an intention on the part of the stock brokers to produce the required information concerning stock dealings in the period between December 10 and 23, both Chairman Henry and Counsel Whipple authorize the announcement that the authority of Congress will be invoked to subpoena the brokers individually and compel the production of books and papers on pain of punishment.

Inquiry among stock exchange operators tonight showed them still to be in doubt as to the attitude they should assume. One prominent broker said: "The general sentiment seems to be to leave it up to our customers. If they are willing that we shall produce their accounts for inspection, we have no objection."

There is also a feeling among many that by dragging along the production of the accounts demanded until March 4, the necessity for such production will pass with the expiration of the present Congress. As an aid in this plan it was suggested tonight by exchange members that they simply ignore the request and compel the committee to waste time gunning for the recalcitrants, or they can have the "little fellows" report first and thus keep the committee busy until it has lived out the thirty days of life.

PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM DOOMED, SAY SENATORS

Railroad Bills to Fail Unless They Are
Radically Modified.

Efforts to compromise the fight over President Wilson's proposed railroad legislation today marked the President's second day of "camping on the heels" of Congress.

The President while he sat at the Capitol with Congress at work this afternoon conferred with the heads of the big four railroad brotherhoods, Messrs. Lee, Stone, Carter, and Sheppard. The brotherhood chiefs submitted a proposed substitute for the President's bill which would prohibit interstate strikes pending investigation by Federal authority.

The President refused to commit himself on the brotherhood's plan. He asked the chiefs to submit the proposal in writing. It was stated later that the President, in order to save his doomed railroad program, may be forced to accept some modification of his proposals.

While the brotherhood heads conferred with the President, the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee struck another blow at the railroad program. Efforts of administration Senators to secure another vote on the compulsory investigation feature of the program resulted in a second rejection of the proposal.

1 BRITISH, 7 GERMAN SHIPS LOST IN FIGHT

Unofficial Reports Say Teuton Flagship
Was Badly Damaged.

(By the International News Service.)
London, Jan. 24.—Unofficial reports were received here today that eight torpedo boats from seven German and one British were sunk in the two engagements in the North Sea on Monday night.

Fourteen German torpedo boats that put out from Zebrugge with the evident intention of raiding British traffic in the English Channel, encountered a strong British patrol and a sharp engagement ensued in the darkness.

At the same time British and German patrols of torpedo boats clashed off Schouwen bank.

The battle off Zebrugge was fought at close range. The German flagship V-69 was badly damaged and was towed into Ymuiden in a sinking condition. She lost twenty-one men in killed, including her captain and many wounded.

Amsterdam, Jan. 24.—A second German warship, damaged in the sea fighting off the Dutch coast on Monday night, has arrived at Ymuiden in a badly battered condition, according to a dispatch from there today.

The ship was the German battleship SMS Goeben, which was damaged in the sea fighting off the Dutch coast on Monday night.

TO WIN AT ANY COST.

Amsterdam, Jan. 24.—The presidents of the parliament of the German allies, who have been in conference in Berlin, have decreed that "victory must be bought at any sacrifice," says a dispatch from Berlin today.

A manifesto to this effect has been issued in all the countries of the German allies. In Berlin it was made public by Dr. Kaempfer, speaker of the Reichstag.

SINK FIVE SHIPS A DAY.

London, Jan. 24.—The policy of "sinking the enemy," made famous by Gen. Joffre, is being applied by the German admiralty to British shipping. The Daily News sounds a solemn warning against the submarine menace and points out that this danger is greater now than at any other time since the war began. The Daily News says that U-boats are sinking on an average of five British merchant ships every day.

No Extra Session Says Champ Clark

Champ Clark, Speaker of the House, declared last night that there would be no extra session of the Sixty-fourth Congress.

"Unless something unforeseen develops, Congress will dispose of all important matters before adjournment," he told The Washington Herald representative.

"The House is far ahead of the Senate, but the Senate will catch up by a little speeding. Unless I am mistaken, the business of Congress will wind up on March 4."

MAY GIVE TERMS

Germany Thought Ready to
Outline Peace Conditions.

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Amsterdam, Jan. 24.—There is a strong probability that President Wilson's peace address in the United States Senate will induce the Central Empires to state their peace terms.

"As far as the Teutonic governments and people are concerned, the Entente note to Mr. Wilson slammed the door of peace shut. But President Wilson has forced that door open again and put his foot between it and the jam. The central allies—above all, the Kaiser, who, with might and main is bent upon peace—are not likely to ignore the new opening."

These statements were made tonight by a neutral diplomat known to be close to the councils of the Central Powers.

He added that he would not be surprised if between now and January 27, Emperor William's birthday, Germany, speaking for the new quadruple alliance, would issue a new message to the world setting forth in a clear, definite outline, on what conditions the alliance will make peace.

Such a message, the informant believes, is now being prepared, as a result of the important conference at Berlin of the German, Austro-Hungarian, Bulgarian and Turkish parliamentary heads and coincident significant exchanges of views between the leading statesmen of the four nations.

From another reliable source it was reported late tonight that the German government, through Ambassador Gerard, already has taken steps with a view to inquiring as to how such a message would be received by the President—the central powers being particularly anxious to avoid the impression that they are "meddling in a matter which, while its effects concern the world, yet may be regarded as pertaining exclusively to the foreign policy of the United States."

ONE DEAD, 9 INJURED IN OHIO TRAIN WRECK

Nickel-Plate Express Crashes Into
Freight Near Cleveland.

(By the International News Service.)
Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 24.—One man was killed and nine passengers were injured this afternoon when passenger train No. 3, on the Nickel Plate Railroad, west bound, split a switch at Euclid, five miles east of here, and crashed into a freight train standing on the siding.

The engine of the passenger train, a through train from New York, rolled over a 20-foot embankment. The baggage car turned over and burst into flames. The seven other coaches kept the rails.

The dead: M. K. Bowker, Bellevue, Ohio, engineer on the passenger train.

The injured: Mrs. Mollie Larkin, Seattle, Wash., internally injured; Joseph Jacob, New York, cut and bruised; George Blass, Morristown, N. J., leg broken; George Blass, cut and bruised; George Blass Jr., bruised; Mrs. Drew, leg and arm bruised; Mrs. Margaret Schaffer, Springfield, Ohio, bruised; Mrs. Ella Getter, Brooklyn, cut and bruised; Mrs. Sanders, Superior, Wis., injured about head.

2 MEXICAN PRELATES JAILED FOR TREASON

Carranza Bureau Says Churchmen Were
Inciting Countrymen to Rebellion.

Treason was the charge upon which the archbishop of Guadalajara and the bishop of Zacatecas, Mexico, were thrown into prison at Zacatecas, Mex. orders for their commitment came from the military commander in the State of Zacatecas, following their arrest at Monte Escobedo, a small town in that State. The Carranza representatives in Washington yesterday received copies of "El Pueblo," official organ of the Mexican revolution, in which the announcement of the arrest and incarceration of the two prelates is made.

The following unofficial translation of the account was given out by the Mexican news bureau here last night by authority of the Mexican Embassy: "Bishops de la Mora and Orozco y Jimenez were arrested when the town of Monte Escobedo fell into the hands of the Constitutional forces. The two bishops obtained from the constitutional government permission to go to various States of the republic. They had arrived in Zacatecas. Very soon news was received that they were devoting their labors to the obstruction of the government and were inciting rebellion."

SHE ARRESTS TWO MEN.

Bloomington, N. J., Jan. 24.—Patrolman Hargrave came home with the gripe last week. Mrs. Hargrave donned her husband's coat, badge, night stick, helmet and revolver and went out to patrol the town.

She saw two men standing on a corner and ordered them to move on. They didn't, so on her next round she ordered them to march in front of her to the lockup. The did.

WIVES BREAK UP STRIKE.

New York, Jan. 24.—Some 3,000 strike-weary wives broke up an incipient strike at the American Sugar Refining Company plant in Williamsburg today.

When the husbands returned home and announced the strike, they were marched back to their work, some by the ear and some by the nape of the neck. The only strikers left were those who were physically stronger than their wives.

\$60,000,000 FOR FORTS REPORTED

House Receives Largest For-
tifications Bill Ever
Submitted.

The largest fortification appropriation bill ever introduced in Congress was reported yesterday to the House by Representative Swager, of Kentucky, chairman of the subcommittee on fortifications of the appropriations committee. Its items aggregate more than \$60,000,000. The total budget for the fortifications is \$51,370,000, but in addition thereto there are authorizations for contracts aggregating \$8,680,000. The total appropriation exceeds that for the current fiscal year by approximately \$23,000,000.

Aeronautical projects as a part of the sea coast defenses are provided for with an incidental appropriation of \$3,000,000 for hydro-aeroplanes. This is the first time that such items have appeared in the fortifications bill, as such matters hitherto have been included in the general aviation items of the army appropriation bill. The report accompanying the measure suggests that with the provision for aeronautics it is the intention of the War Department to organize six aerial squadrons for the continental coasts and two for the insular possessions.

"Movable railway armament" is another new item in the message. For this purpose the appropriation is \$1,700,000. Details with regard to this item are not supplied by the report, but it is understood that this appropriation is for armored cars to be transported by rail to any point of attack along the coasts.

The following are major items in the fortifications bill:

"For the Continental United States, the initiation of battery construction at Rockaway Beach, foundation work for the battery at Fort Michie at the eastern entrance to Long Island Sound and emplacement for the mounting of additional 12-inch long range guns; fire control equipment for the new long-range 12-inch batteries; generating sets for the electric light and power plants for the fortifications at San Diego and Los Angeles, and the construction and repair of sea walls and breakwaters at Boston, Fort Monroe, Va., Fort St. Philip, near the mouth of the Mississippi River, and Fort Winfield Scott, San Francisco.

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Youngster Whose Eye Was Impaled Dies from Injury

Norris Flood, the 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Flood, who stuck a pine splinter in his eye on Tuesday night, died at the home of his parents last night at 10:30 o'clock.

Attending physicians expressed little hope for his life after rendering their initial services, and his death came after a night and day of torture.

G. O. P. ROW UP

Republican Harmony Confer-
ence Starts New War.

War between the Progressive and "Old Guard" Republicans flamed up anew last night at a conference called to promote harmony.

Confident of controlling the next House of Representatives, the Republicans tried to "iron out" long-standing differences, and the Progressive wing laid down the law to the regulars in the form of a speech by Representative Augustus P. Gardner, of Massachusetts, who made clear the terms on which the erstwhile Bull Moose would co-operate.

"Strict and undeviating conservatism," was attacked by Mr. Gardner, at whose suggestion the conference had been called. He said the salvation of the G. O. P. laid in a Progressive platform, and he called for a conference to adopt a concrete legislative program that would command the confidence of the country.

The Republican Representatives-elect of the next Congress will be invited to join in a second conference to be held shortly after March 4, according to Mr. Gardner, who also proposed the appointment of a committee of five, to report within ten days a tentative plan of action to recommend to the Republicans of the new House.

Representative Gardner outlined the following "Progressive legislative program: Unemployment insurance, old age insurance, minimum wage for women and children, eight-hour day for women and children with no overtime, compulsory arbitration of transportation disputes, compulsory military training, immediate preparedness, the budget system, and the new House.

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BULGARIAN BEATEN BACK.

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